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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 6714

BILL NUMBER: SB 238

NOTE PREPARED: Jan 28, 2014

BILL AMENDED: Jan 23, 2014

SUBJECT: Inspection of Private Buses.

FIRST AUTHOR: Sen. Wyss

FIRST SPONSOR: Rep. Frye

BILL STATUS: As Passed Senate

FUNDS AFFECTED: X GENERAL
DEDICATED
FEDERAL

IMPACT: State

Summary of Legislation: The bill requires the Indiana State Police Department (ISP) to establish a program to inspect private buses. The bill provides that the ISP is not required to conduct the inspections. It requires the owner of a private bus to provide to the Bureau of Motor Vehicles an unexpired certificate of inspection for the private bus before the owner may register or reregister the private bus.

Effective Date: July 1, 2014.

Explanation of State Expenditures: *Summary:* The bill requires the ISP to establish a private bus inspection program. Approximately 2,100 private buses would require inspection from either the ISP or a contracted entity that would inspect private buses. Any cost the ISP could experience to provide private bus inspections could be partially or completely offset by inspection fees.

(Revised) *Additional Information:* As of October 2013, the ISP reports approximately 16,000 school bus inspections were performed in CY 2013. These inspections include annual inspections, semi-annual inspections, spot inspections, and post-crash inspections. The ISP reports they do not currently inspect church buses, but do inspect buses used by schools operated by churches.

Beginning in CY 2016, individuals will need to provide proof of inspection as a condition of registering a private bus with the Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV). Using BMV registration data for CY 2013, there are an estimated 2,100 private buses currently registered in the state that would require inspections.

The ISP's Commercial Motor Vehicle Enforcement Division (CMVE) already inspects school buses and

other commercial vehicles. If CMVE officers' expertise could be utilized to help develop guidelines for a private bus inspection program, the ISP may be able establish the guidelines within existing resources. The ISP does not currently charge fees for bus inspections. If the ISP chooses to develop and operate their own inspection program, the bill would allow ISP to collect fees sufficient to defray actual inspection and administrative costs of the program.

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures:

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State Agencies Affected: Indiana State Police.

Local Agencies Affected:

Information Sources: Mark Carnell, ISP; FY 2013 BMV County Registration Data; Elizabeth Murphy, BMV.

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